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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

On 08-12-2011 at 1406 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a Motor Vehicle Injury Accident involving a motorcycle in the area of Concord Hambden Rd. (State Rt. 608) 750 feet north of 12721 Concord Hambden Rd. in Concord Twp. Upon arrival it was determined that two vehicles were involved in the accident. A green 2009 Kawasaki motorcycle was operated by 58 year old Martin A. Niemi of Concord Twp. The other vehicle involved was a maroon 1988 Lincoln Towncar which was operated by 66 year old Jerry Jones from Chardon. Mr. Jones wife, Cheryl Jones, age 65 was also in the car with him and both had been wearing seat belts. The investigation showed that Martin Niemi was operating his motorcycle north on Rt. 608 and had begun to negotiate curves in the roadway during which time Niemi traveled left of center, lost control of the motorcycle and laid the motorcycle down on the pavement. Mr. Jones observed the motorcycle traveling into his lane of travel and proceeded to stop his vehicle to avoid a collision. After the motorcycle was laid down on its side, Niemi proceeded to slide north and his head proceeded to impact the front right tire of Mr. Jones' vehicle. Mr. Niemi was wearing a safety helmet however he was unconscious on scene and Concord Twp. Fire proceeded to render aid upon their arrival. Niemi was transported to TriPoint Medical Center where he later died as a result of the injuries he sustained during this accident. There was no evidence of alcoholic beverage consumption and the accident is still under investigation.

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